

Remarks

These remarks are responsive to the Office Action dated October 3, 2005. Claims 1-23 are currently pending. In the Office action, claims 11-22 are allowed, claims 3-5 and 7 are indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the base claim and intervening claims. Claims 1, 2, 6, 8-10 and 23 are rejected.

In response, applicants herein amend claim 1 to incorporate all of the elements of allowable claim 3, and cancel claim 3. Claim 1 is therefore now in condition for allowance. Furthermore, claims 2 and 4-5 depend from and include all of the elements of amended claim 1, and are therefore also in condition for allowance.

Applicants also amend claim 6 to include the elements of allowable claim 7, and cancel claim 7. Claim 6 is therefore now in condition for allowance. Furthermore, claims 8-10 depend from and include all of the elements of amended claim 6, and are therefore also in condition for allowance.

Furthermore, applicants cancel claim 23.

Based on the foregoing comments, the above-identified application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is courteously solicited. If any further amendment is necessary to advance prosecution and place this case in allowable condition, the Examiner is courteously requested to contact the undersigned by fax or telephone at the number listed below.

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